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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTHWICH

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Hartford Hill,
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August, 1967.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Northwich Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

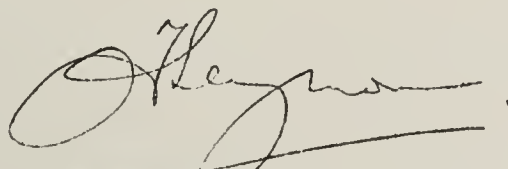
I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the environmental health and sanitary circumstances of the Council's district for the year 1966.

For the information of Members I have attached as an appendix my Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee.

I would once again like to express my appreciation to Mr. Baines, the Staff of the Public Health Department and the Council's Chief Officers for their co-operation and help during the year.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. J. Baines', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION I

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

(1) GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (estimated mid-year 1966)	...	...	...	19,240
Area (acres of district)	...	...	...	2,636
Number of inhabited dwellings	...	...	...	6,550
Rateable Value of Area at 1.4.66	...	...	...	£1,572,283
Product of Penny Rate, 1966/67 - Estimated	...	...	...	£6,400

Comparative Statistics - 1965/6

	Year	
	1965	1966
Population	19,400	19,240
Rateable Value	£1,571,862	£1,572,283
Product of Penny Rate (estimated)	£6,400	£6,400
Number of inhabited dwellings	6,550	6,550

(2) VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	106	143	249
Illegitimate	8	11	19
	<u>114</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>268</u>

England
& Wales

Crude Birth Rate per 1000 population	...	...	14.0
*Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1000 population... (Comparability Factor 0.95)	...	...	13.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total births	...	...	7.0

17.7

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Still Births</u>	1	2	3
<u>Live and Still Births</u>	115	156	271

<u>Still Birth Rate</u> -			
per 1000 total live and still births	...	...	11.0
			15.4

<u>Deaths of Infants Under 1 year of age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

*See Page 2

Infant Mortality Rates

		<u>England & Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	14.9	19.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks) per 1000 total live births	Nil	12.9
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week) per 1000 total live births	Nil	11.1
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still births)	11.0	26.3
Deaths due to Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	Nil	

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Causes	135	129	264
Death Rate per 1000 population			13.7
*Corrected Death Rate per 1000 population (Comparability Factor 0.95)			13.0

*NOTE The corrected birth and death rates are those which are obtained when the crude local rates are adjusted to make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales. The corrected rates are comparable with the crude rates for England and Wales, and the corresponding adjusted rates for any other area.

Causes of Death

As will be seen from the following table the two principal causes of death were diseases of the heart and circulation which caused approximately 57% of the deaths, and cancer which caused approximately 22%.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Syphilitic Diseases	1	-	1
2. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	6	3	9
3. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	10	3	13
4. Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	9	9
5. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
6. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	9	17	26
7. Diabetes	-	1	1
8. Vascular lesions of nervous system	18	38	56
9. Coronary disease, angina	30	15	45
10. Hypertension with heart disease	-	3	3
11. Other heart disease	16	17	33
12. Other circulatory disease	6	8	14
13. Influenza	2	-	2
14. Pneumonia	3	1	4
15. Bronchitis	12	4	16
16. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	3
17. Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	-	3
18. Congenital malformations	1	-	1
19. Other defined & ill-defined diseases	10	6	16
20. Motor Vehicle accidents	2	-	2
21. All other accidents	3	-	3
22. Suicide	1	1	2
	<u>135</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>264</u>

S E C T I O N II.

HEALTH SERVICES

(1) Information concerning the statutory and voluntary Health and Welfare Services in the area are given in the Appendix to this Report, and further details may be obtained from the Divisional Medical Officer at the Divisional Medical Office, David Street, Northwich.

(2) HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The Northwich Urban District lies within the Manchester Regional Hospital Board's area, whose offices are at Cheetwood Road, Manchester, 8. Telephone Number - Deansgate 6441.

(3) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens and samples taken by the Health Department are submitted for examination to the Chester Public Health Laboratory.

(4) AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ambulance service is provided by the County Council and is under radio control from central control at County Hall, Chester. All 999 calls made by members of the public are immediately connected to this central control. The arrangement for non-urgent calls is that the patient or general practitioner should ring the Northwich Depot - Telephone Number - Northwich 3355.

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S E C T I O N I I I

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 - 1951

Section 47

Under this Section when persons (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions, and (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention, the local authority may apply to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction for an Order to remove the person to a suitable place.

With regard to the expeditious procedure as laid down in the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, the Medical Officer of Health or any duly qualified person acting for the Medical Officer of Health is authorised by the Council to make the requisite application to a Justice of the Peace.

Section 50

Under this Section the District Council has the duty to arrange for the burial of any person who has died in their area, if no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body are being made.

It was not necessary to take any action under either Sections during the year.

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S E C T I O N I V

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(1) NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the years 1965 and 1966 :-

DISEASE	Cases Notified	
	1965	1966
Dysentery	1	-
Measles	330	116
Scarlet Fever	6	16
Whooping Cough	1	1
Pneumonia	1	-
Food Poisoning	1	-
Pulmonary T.B.	-	5
Tuberculous Meningitis	-	1
Encephalitis	-	1
Erysipelas	-	1

(2) PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

The increase in notifications was a result of the clinical follow up of cases discovered during the Mass Miniature Radiography survey which took place in the latter half of 1965. It is sobering to think of the number of persons at present fit and well, who will be infected by those unknown cases of tuberculosis who, for one reason or another, make no effort to attend the unit when it visits the area.

(3) NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

This was a case of Tuberculous Meningitis.

(4) ENCEPHALITIS

The case of encephalitis was a complication of "chickenpox".

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S E C T I O N V

SANITARY INSPECTION AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Housing Inspection

Number of visits and revisits to houses under Public Health Acts	439
Number of visits and revisits to houses under Housing Acts	398
Visits to houses under Rent Acts	-
Visits to houses in connection with Improvement Grants	219
Drain Tests	5

Inspection of Food and Food Premises

Visits to Butchers' Shops	77
Visits to Fish Shops	21
Visits to Grocers' Shops	106
Visits to Ice-Cream Premises	10
Visits to Restaurants and Canteens	45
Visits to Bakehouses and Confectioners	45
Visits to Milk Distributors	15
Visits to Slaughterhouses	797
Visits to Market Stalls and Supermarkets	887
Visits to Licensed Premises	18
Visits to Greengrocers	31

Infectious Disease, Rodent and Vermin

Number of houses inspected for vermin	10
Number of houses disinfected	10
Visits and revisits in connection with disinfestation	15
Visits where Infectious Disease has occurred	47
Visits in connection with Rodent Control	510

Other Visits

Visits and Inspections of Factories	51
Visits in connection with the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	399
Interviews	710
Miscellaneous Visits	83
Visits and Observations re Atmospheric Pollution	51
Hairdressers and Barbers	47
Visits and Inspections re Refuse Collection and Disposal	421
Visits to Moveable Dwellings (Caravans)	76

(1) WATER SUPPLY

The Water services are under the control of the Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board, whose offices are at Weaverham Grange, Northwich.

The supply of the area has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

During the year, the Water Board submitted copies of the bacteriologist's report on 43 samples of water taken in the Northwich Urban District. In addition three samples were taken by our own Department for examination. All the samples were satisfactory.

The water in the district is not liable to have a plumbo-solvent action.

There are no stand-pipes in the Urban District.

(2) PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

Swimming attendances during the year 1966 were 115,752, and receipts totalled £4,105. 0. 8d. During the summer season it was necessary to limit the swimming time of each swimmer to 40 minutes, to enable as many patrons as possible to gain admittance.

Amongst those benefiting from the use of the baths are the physically and mentally handicapped people of the district. This is a new venture and has proved very popular and successful.

It is hoped to build a small teaching pool adjacent to the main pool, and this would help to relieve the congestion.

The four samples of swimming bath water taken for bacteriological examination during the year were satisfactory.

Paddling Pool - Church Walk

This amenity was in full use during the summer months and is filled and emptied twice weekly; the water is treated with sodium hypochlorite solution.

(3) SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The contract for resewering the central parts of the town has nearly reached completion and the foul sewage should be pumped from Barons Quay Pumping Station to Dock Road Pumping Station and to Wallerscote Sewage Works in May, 1967.

Already some of the outfalls to the Rivers Dane and Weaver have been disconnected and storm water only will be discharged into the River Weaver when the scheme is completed.

The foul flow from the Western side of the River Weaver has still to be brought under the River Weaver by syphon and contract details are being prepared.

The second stage of the re sewerage scheme comprising the redevelopment of Dock Road Pumping Station and associated sewers and pumping mains is under consideration but a third pump has been installed temporarily in Dock Road to deal with the flow from Barons Quay.

Investigations of sewers thought to be unsatisfactory in other areas of the town are proceeding.

(4) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There is still a chemical closet in the district but this is in an area where there is not access to the public sewers.

(5) REFUSE COLLECTION

The refuse collection service continues to function quite smoothly although difficulties arise from time to time in respect of man-power shortages.

A new continuous loading vehicle was delivered in August 1966, with the result that it is now possible to give a regular weekly service throughout the Urban District.

It is not possible to foresee any improvement in connection with man-power. There is very little to offer the staff engaged in this work other than regular full-time employment, and since this is available in more attractive employment, this in itself is no great attraction. Although it is repetition of what has been said in previous years, the only hope of improving conditions for these workmen is the use of paper sacks instead of dustbins, which, with modern vehicles make for easier loading.

It is the policy of the Department to remove everything from premises that the householder requests, and this is done free of charge; this includes garden refuse and old household furniture. This is done in an attempt to prevent dumping of surplus material in odd corners, playing fields and spare land. Unfortunately it is still necessary to go round the district from time to time and remove the various accumulations which arise.

The collection and sale of waste paper and salvage continues to be satisfactory, and although the amounts collected and the cash received are slightly below 1965, this was mainly due to the slight recession in the latter part of the year, probably due to the credit squeeze.

The amount of salvage sold during the year is :-

	T.	C.	Q.	£.	s.	d.
Total Paper Salvage	561.	12.	2.	5,367.	0.	0.
Kitchen Waste	51.	17.	2.	181.	11.	1.
Scrap Metal & Rags		9.	1.	7.	2.	9.
Totals	613.	19.	1.	£5,555.	13.	10.

Although it is unfortunate that the market for waste paper is very variable it is also fortunate that a large amount of waste paper can be disposed of in this manner rather than having to put it on the refuse tip. It is becoming apparent that other commodities in refuse, such as plastic, are increasing in volume whilst at the same time there is a decrease in the amount of ashes in the refuse. The consequence is that we are faced with an increasing problem of disposing of commodities which do not decompose particularly well, and at the same time, are short of "ashes" which make for a solid tip, and provide useful covering material.

During 1966 approximately 450 bins were provided as renewals but as commented in the 1965 report, having had one or two years of low numbers of renewals it was obvious that there would be an increase in future years. Even so, with something like 6,500 houses, if 650 bins were issued this would represent a 10-year life on an average for a dustbin, so that with the present issue dustbins are having a longer life than is normally estimated.

Dustbins are provided on the basis of one per dwelling house and this is a charge to the rate fund. If the dwelling is attached to a business any additional bins required are provided by the occupier of the business. In the event of premises being entirely business the occupiers are expected to provide their own receptacles.

(6) DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

The refuse tip is situated off the New Warrington Road, and an annual rent is paid for its use. There are no immediate difficulties with regard to land for future tipping since room is available on the site for several years, and negotiations are in hand for the purchase of another site.

(7) CANAL BOATS

During the year a review of the registered boats was made. It was found that a number of boats had been sold, presumably for pleasure craft, and others taken out of use, thus reducing the number of registered boats to 40.

(8) LICENSED CARAVAN SITES

There are no licensed caravan sites in Northwich, although from time to time unauthorised parking of caravans does take place. In 1961, under the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, the following Order was made by the Magistrates :-

"That no moveable dwellings of any kind shall be placed within a radius of 200 yards from the site of a caravan then situated on land fronting Warrington Old Road, Northwich, adjacent to the southerly boundary of the site of a disused railway line."

On one occasion it was necessary to take action in respect of two caravans. In both cases, the prosecution was successful, each owner of the caravan being fined £5. 0. Od., with a threat of a daily penalty if the caravans were not removed. On all other occasions of unauthorised parking it was possible to have the caravans moved as a result of verbal instructions.

(9) RODENT CONTROL

One man is employed as Rodent Control Operative. In addition to giving treatment at premises, he maintains a regular inspection and treatment of refuse tips and other sites which can be a source of infestation. A free service is given to householders in respect of rats and mice but in the case of business premises the preliminary service only, is free.

No full-scale sewer treatment was carried out during the year, although a close watch was kept to ensure that no infestation was building up in the sewers. The sewers run full and on occasions of storm the sewers become surcharged. Whilst from one point of view this causes difficulties, from the point of view of rodent control it discourages any serious sewer infestation. There has been no serious infestation in Northwich, most complaints having followed the disturbance of rats by demolition work.

Infestations do arise occasionally on railway embankments but on notification British Railways give the necessary treatment. Probably

the greatest source of infestation is due to the dumping of articles by people. The resulting accumulations give harbourage for rats and if the people concerned would only take the trouble to contact this department, the problem could be dealt with, with the minimum of trouble to everyone.

Details of inspections in respect of rodent control during 1966 are given below.

RODENT CONTROL DURING 1966

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
<u>Properties other than sewers</u>		
1. Number of properties in district	7,977	11
2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	126	-
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	107	-
(ii) Mice	7	-
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	11	-
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	3	-
(ii) Mice	-	-

(10) DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES

Treatment was only necessary at 10 premises as follows :-

Beetles	...	...	6
Bed Bugs	...	...	1
Wasps Nests	...	...	1
Cockroaches	...	...	1
Precautionary spraying			1

This treatment is given free of charge. In the case of ant infestations advice only is given as it is not possible to give treatment, except in exceptional circumstances. Otherwise it would be necessary to employ two or three men to satisfy the demand which would arise.

(11) RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER FILLINGS MATERIALS ACT, 1951

One factory is registered under the above Act and the standard continues to be high.

(12) PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There are four premises licensed under this Act; all are regularly inspected and conditions are satisfactory.

(13) CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1953
Registration of Hairdressers and Barbers

There has been a decrease of one in the number of premises registered, there being 45 hairdressers and barbers registered with the Authority.

(14) CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No action under this legislation has yet been taken. However, it is evident from visits made to houses, that for other reasons, progress towards clean air is being made. A number of householders are installing modern heating appliances, this being undoubtedly due to the benefits which accrue to the housewife from these amenities. At the same time the health of the community benefits from the reduction in smoke pollution.

From time to time smoke problems have arisen from the activities of British Railways. However, it is our experience that the Divisional Manager takes immediate action when complaints are brought to his attention. It should be realised that around Northwich Station there are sheds at which the locomotives raise steam, during which time emission of smoke is inevitable, and although the change over to diesels is taking place, this is a process which takes years rather than months. It is possible however, that some improvement will take place at the sheds around Northwich station in the not too distant future.

The main industry of Northwich is the heavy chemical industry which by its very size must give rise to some aerial pollution. Over many years the firm has maintained progress in decreasing these emissions to atmosphere and complies with legal requirements. It is accepted that there must, occasionally, be incidents which can give rise to nuisance. When these isolated instances occur, every effort is made by the management to prevent a re-occurrence. From time to time climatic conditions prevent the emission from even the highest stacks escaping to the upper atmosphere. A nuisance may then result but this is obviously beyond the control of the firm.

There is complete co-operation with H.M. Alkali Inspectors who have responsibility for the control of the greater proportion of emissions to atmosphere of the chemical and neighbouring salt industries.

On odd occasions complaints do arise concerning other industries in and about the town but these do not normally present any serious nuisance.

(15) MORTUARY

The mortuary is available for the Northwich Urban District and for certain parishes in the Rural District which adjoin the Urban District boundaries. The mortuary itself consists of a post-mortem room, a refrigerator with space for three bodies, a chapel or viewing room, a waiting room and a doctors' room. Admission for deaths occurring in other than normal circumstances is under the authority of the police and during the year 39 admissions were made. The chapel in the mortuary is used as a Chapel of Rest, flowers being provided from the Council's Parks Department. This is a facility which is greatly appreciated by those who have insufficient facilities at home to keep a body, pending internment. There were 73 such admissions during the year.

(16) FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The main source of employment in Northwich is at the various chemical works which are owned by I.C.I. Ltd. The other industries include a steel works, shipbuilding yards, leather works and clothing factories.

FACTORIES INSPECTION

1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

PREMISES	No. on Register	Inspection	No. of	
			Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities (Factories with no mechanical power)	-	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (Factories with mechanical power)	89	36	2	-
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	30	15	-	-
TOTALS	119	51	2	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found :-

PARTICULARS	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature(S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	2	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	7	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	9	-	1	-

Outworkers

During 1966 there was one person employed as an outworker to a clothing factory.

(17) SHOPS ACT, 1950

This Act is administered by the Northwich Urban District Council as agents for the Cheshire County Council as regards closing hours, etc.

(18) OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1966 work continued with the inspection of registered premises followed by further visits to see the progress being made in remedying any defects which were noted to occupiers and owners after the first inspection. It has been found that the provisions of the Act and Regulations have been accepted and the co-operation of the occupiers of premises has been most satisfactory. Although in some cases work necessary to comply with the various aspects has proceeded rather slowly, this is not necessarily the fault of the people concerned, but rather the difficulty of finding a builder who will carry out the minor repairs and improvements. The requirements of the Act and Regulations are often more speedily carried out in premises occupied by the larger firms, who accept their responsibilities more readily than, say, the smaller shops who have living accommodation attached, and often regard the employees as part of the family.

Defects were found as follows :-

7	Cleanliness
9	Ventilation
5	Lighting
20	Sanitary Conveniences
11	Washing Facilities
2	Clothing Accommodation
13	Floors, Passages and Stairs
1	Fencing Exposed Machinery
7	Handrails
25	First Aid Outfits
27	Thermometers
40	Notices of the Act

Most of these defects have either been remedied, or are in the course of being remedied.

Table A

Registration and General Inspections

	No.of premises registered during year	No.of premises registered at end of year	No.of registered premises receiving a gen- eral inspection
Offices	4	72	30
Retail Shops	16	210	70
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	1	10	1
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	-	21	4
Fuel Storage Depots	-	3	3
TOTALS	21	316	108

Table B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors
to Registered Premises 399

Table C

Analysis of Persons employed in Registered
Premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	1572
Retail Shops	949
Wholesale Depts., Warehouses	78
Catering Establishments open to public	133
Canteens	24
Fuel Storage Depots	26
TOTAL	2782
Total MALES	1212
Total FEMALES	1570

Table D

EXEMPTIONS

Part I - SPACE: There were no applications for exemption in
this category made or refused during the
year in any class of premises.

Part II - TEMPERATURE: - do -

Part III - SANITARY CONVENIENCES - do -

Part IV - WASHING FACILITIES - do -

Table E

PROSECUTIONS

No prosecutions were instituted during the year.

Table F

INSPECTORS

No. of Inspectors appointed under Section
52(1) or (5) of the Act 3

No. of other staff employed for most of
their time on work in connection
with the Act Nil

(19) COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

(20) SLUM CLEARANCE

The result of the Public Inquiry referred to in last year's report was received, the Minister confirming the Order without variation.

The Order was the Urban District of Northwich (Castle No.1) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1965, and the properties contained in the area are :-

Occupied houses in the Castle No.1 C.P.O. Area		
Coloured Gray	...	16
Occupied houses within the Area of the C.P.O.		
and owned by the Northwich U.D.C.	...	1
Unoccupied houses within the Area of the C.P.O.		
and owned by the Northwich U.D.C.	...	1
Houses in Clearance Areas Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4	...	66
Total		84

It is hoped that the redevelopment of the area will begin as soon as a minimum number of the properties have been demolished, in order that as many as possible of the residents will have the opportunity to continue to reside in an area with which they are familiar.

Although no official action has been commenced in the Church Road, Paradise Street, Station Road and Witton Street area, various properties are being purchased as and when they become available and are offered to the Council. The deterioration which is taking place in the properties so purchased will require some action in the near future. It is unfortunate that houses of such poor standard have to remain because of the lack of building land necessary to provide alternative accommodation.

Work was commenced on the widening of Witton Street in the area of the Witton Street/Warrington Road Clearance Area; this will no doubt be completed early in 1967.

The demolition of the properties in the London Road/Hollands Road Compulsory Purchase Order was commenced in 1966. Delays occurred with some of the properties but it is expected that the whole area will be cleared in 1967. The only difficulty is likely to be finding suitable alternative accommodation for the occupiers of the shops.

(21) INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

Seven houses were represented as individual unfit houses, two were subject to Closing Orders, and five closed with Undertakings not to re-let. Part of a house was closed under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Subsequently one of the houses subject to an Undertaking not to re-let was made fit and the Undertaking withdrawn.

(22) GRANTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF OLD HOUSES

No action has yet been taken with regard to making Improvement Areas under the Housing Act, 1964.

The procedure is regarded as somewhat complicated, and, no doubt, like many other authorities, if a more simple approach could be made to

carry out the purpose of the Act, more enthusiasm could be shown, both by the officers and elected representatives of this local authority.

It is pleasing to note, however, the improvements which are taking place throughout the town in housing which has been regarded as sub-standard for many years. Many owners of property are of the opinion that the income from rented houses is insufficient to maintain their houses in good condition. If, however, they become owner-occupied, immediate improvement becomes noticeable. By the efforts of the occupants themselves, in many cases assisted by improvement grants, properties which were almost in the category of being "unfit" have been modernised and are now very acceptable for anyone to live in.

In connection with applications for grants this Council are very anxious to encourage people to improve and repair houses.

As and when applications are received, each house is inspected by a Health Inspector and a list of repairs to make the house fit within the meaning of the Housing Act is supplied to the owner. The improvement of the property is supervised by the Surveyor's Department.

The Council are carrying out an experiment with two houses in Greenall Road, which, prior to repair and improvement were subject to Closing Orders, and practically derelict. The amount of money involved in this project is, of course, higher than one would expect the owner of an individual house to spend, but the condition of these houses necessitates this expenditure and is justified in that the improved houses, when completed, will give an example and set a standard for the neighbourhood.

Details are given below of the number of standard and discretionary grants given in 1966.

Standard Grants

Number of applications approved during 1966	...	...	13
Number of Improvements completed during 1966	...	...	9
Amount paid in Grants	...	...	...£906

Discretionary Grants

Number of applications approved during 1966	...	...	5
Number of Improvements completed during 1966	...	...	8
Total amount of Grants approved	...	...	...£1,253

(23) RENT ACT

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair during 1966.

(24) COUNCIL HOUSES IN NORTHWICH

The position with regard to dwelling accommodation provided by the Northwich Urban District Council is based on information from the Housing Department, and the position on 1st April, 1966, was as follows :-

<u>Types of Accommodation</u>		<u>Pre-War</u>	<u>Post War</u>	<u>Purchased Properties</u>	<u>Total</u>
Houses	- 1 Bedroom	14	-	-	14
	- 2 Bedrooms	24	325	24(a)	373
	- 3 Bedrooms	210	883	10(b)	1,103
	- 4 Bedrooms	25	24	3(c)	52
	- 5 Bedrooms	-	5	-	5
	- 6 Bedrooms	14	-	-	14
Flats	- 1 Bedroom	-	10	-	10
	- 2 Bedrooms	-	34(d)	2	36
	- 3 Bedrooms	-	11(e)	-	11
	- 4 Bedrooms	-	4(f)	-	4
Bungalows	- 1 Bedroom	-	67	-	67
	- 2 Bedrooms	-	155	-	155
	- 3 Bedrooms	-	3	-	3
Temporary Bungalows -					
	2 Bedrooms	-	50	-	50
		287	1,571	39	1,897

Notes:

- (a) Includes 15 houses for demolition
- (b) Includes 4 houses for demolition
- (c) Includes 2 houses for demolition
- (d) Includes 4 2-Bed Flats over shops
- (e) Includes 11 3-Bed Flats over shops
- (f) Includes 4 4-Bed Flats over shops

The waiting list of applicants for Council accommodation numbered 401 in December, 1966, and the accommodation required by these applicants is as follows :-

81 persons requiring flats or bungalows
64 persons requiring two bedroom houses
165 persons requiring three bedroom houses
91 single persons requiring flats or bungalows

During the year the following types of houses were erected in the Urban District :-

Dwellings built by private enterprise ... 15
Dwellings erected by Local Authority ... 18

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S E C T I O N VI

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(1) MILK

The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

The number of distributors of milk in the Urban District has dropped from 53 to 48, and no milk is produced within the boundaries.

The duties of milk sampling are carried out by the Cheshire County Council since they are responsible for the licensing of distributors in respect of Special Designated milk.

The following tables show the results of tests on samples of milk taken by the County Council sampling officers.

Table 1

Type of Test	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1. Methylene Blue	165	11
2. Phosphatase	162	-
3. Turbidity	5	-

1. Measures the keeping quality of milk
2. Measures the efficiency of the Pasteurisation process
3. Measures the efficiency of the Sterilising process

Table 2

	Bulk	Individual
Brucella - Negative	15	-
Brucella - Positive	-	-
Penicillin levels < .05iu	1	-
Penicillin levels > .05iu	-	-
Tubercular Test - Negative	13	-
Tubercular Test - Positive	-	-

(2) ICE-CREAM

Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959

Only three samples of ice-cream were taken during the year and one ice-lolly. All were satisfactory.

(3) COOKED MEAT PRODUCTS

18 samples of various meat products were taken and sent for bacteriological examination. There are no formal standards laid down for this particular type of food but results can indicate whether the standard of manufacture, handling and storage can be improved. In the event of any samples not being satisfactory, the necessary investigations are carried out and recommendations made to those responsible on how to improve their methods. It was considered that three were not up to standard and the necessary action was taken.

With the fitting of more refrigerated display cabinets and cold storage facilities, improvements in this type of food must take place. At the same time, it is essential that manufacturers do not seek the protection of refrigerators for shortcomings in preparation and handling, many of these foods being ideal for the growth and spread of infection.

In view of the improved bacteriological quality of these food products, it is particularly important that the housewife maintains this quality by correct storage and handling. In this connection we welcome the production of the leaflet setting out the salient points of food hygiene in the home.

(4) "DEEP FREEZE" FOOD FACILITIES

A matter of some concern is the lack of attention which is paid in some shops to the correct use of deep freeze cabinets. Food stored and transported under good conditions by the manufacturers is occasionally left waiting to be placed in the deep freeze and then only too often placed above the "load-line".

Another practice to be deplored is the display of deep frozen foods outside the deep freeze cabinets and one cannot help suspecting that if the food remains unsold it is replaced in the "deep freeze".

Both these practices lead at least to a deterioration in the quality of the food and at worst to the growth of food poisoning organisms.

(5) REGISTRATION OF PREMISES USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, STORAGE OR SALE OF FOOD UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Purpose for which Registered	Premises on Register 1965	Added to Register 1966	Removed from Register 1966	Total on Register 1966
Sale and Storage of Ice-Cream	87	-	3	84
Manufacture of Ice-Cream	1	-	-	1
Manufacture of Preserved foods, etc. (Mainly sausages, brawn and potted meat)	13	-	1	12
Fish Frying	11	-	1	10
TOTALS	112	-	5	107

(6) SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

There are three private slaughterhouses in regular use in Northwich and at each conditions are satisfactory. Two possess chilling rooms immediately adjacent to the slaughter hall, and the third has facilities for the cooling of carcasses, with refrigeration immediately available when the meat has cooled.

(7) MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS

One hundred per cent meat inspection has been maintained, all carcasses being stamped. The pattern of slaughtering is unchanged, with some evening and Saturday meat inspection, but only very occasional Sunday slaughtering.

The Food Hygiene Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966, came into operation on the 30th September. After consultation with the owners of the three slaughterhouses the hours of slaughter were fixed as follows :-

Monday to Friday	- 8.30.a.m. to 5.30.p.m.
Saturday	- 7.30.a.m. to 12.30.p.m.
Sunday	- No slaughtering

Provision was also made for exceptional demands for slaughtering due to special circumstances.

The quality of meat slaughtered and sold in Northwich is of a high standard. In the case of cattle, the condemned meat consisted mainly of offal, and, except in a small percentage of pigs, there was no evidence of tuberculosis. The number of animals slaughtered and inspected is less than the previous year, and 787 visits were made for meat inspection purposes.

The following table gives details of the number of animals slaughtered, together with details of the post-mortem inspection.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed & inspected	523	273	11	3439	2915
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	2	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	45	46	1	142	41
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis or cysticerci	8.6%	16.8%	9.9%	4.1%	1.4%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	8
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.3%
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>	-	-	-	-	-

(8) CONDEMNATION OF MEAT

The total weight of meat condemned was 17 cwts. 1 qr. 4 lbs. and this was disposed of to reputable firms for processing.

(9) SLAUGHTERMEN'S LICENCES

The number of licensed slaughtermen in the district is 11.

(10) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1960

The standard of food hygiene in the food trade in Northwich continues to be reasonably satisfactory.

The public has an important part to play in this, and the department welcomes observations from the public where they feel that conditions are unsatisfactory.

The new Market Hall was opened in May, 1966, and there is little doubt that it will be a shopping asset to the town. From a public health point of view it is pleasing to report that the market complies with the Food Hygiene (Market, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966. These become operative on the 1st January, 1967. All food kiosks in the market hall have a sink, wash basin and hot and cold water.

In addition to the new Market Hall, facilities have been provided for use of stallholders in the outside market. Adequate facilities for the washing and sorting of food and equipment are readily available, together with wash basins for personal hygiene.

Category	No. of Premises	No. of Prem. Complying with Reg.16	No. of Prem. to which Reg 19 applies	No. of Prem. Complying with Reg.19
Cafes	9	9	9	9
Clubs	8	8	8	8
Butchers Shops	22	22	22	22
Sweets & Tobacco, Newsagents	29	29	-	-
Grocers	54	52	49	49
Grocers with Outdoor Licences	8	8	-	-
Greengrocers	15	14	15	14
Fish and Chip Shops	10	10	10	10
Wet Fish Shops	4	4	4	4
Bakehouses and Confectioners shops	20	18	20	20
Licensed Premises	24	24	24	24
Canteens	22	22	22	22

(11) CONDEMNATION OF FOOD

A detailed list is given of food condemned in 1966. This food was voluntarily surrendered by the various trades involved and after inspection and certification by the Inspectors, was collected and disposed of either as kitchen waste, or after treatment with disinfectant, buried on the refuse tip.

The amount of food involved in 1966 was 3 tons 19 cwt 2 qr. 5 lbs. and was made up as follows :-

Tins of Ham and Tongue	...	...	462 lbs.
Tins of Corned Beef	...	...	12 lbs.
Tins of Pork	...	...	175 lbs.
Other Tinned Meats	...	...	77 lbs.
Assorted Tinned foods	...	...	1527 lbs.
Miscellaneous foods	...	...	1305 lbs.
Fresh Fruit	...	...	628 lbs.
Cheese	...	...	1 lb.
Butter	...	...	82 lbs.
Bacon	...	...	30 lbs.
Frozen Foods	...	...	2096 lbs.
Wet Fish	...	...	36 lbs.
Currants	...	...	84 lbs.
Biscuits	...	...	185 lbs.
Vegetables	...	...	2050 lbs.
Chickens	...	...	57 lbs.
Cream	...	...	102 lbs.
TOTAL			8909 lbs.

(12) BAKEHOUSES

There are 13 bakehouses in the district and they are satisfactory.

(13) OTHER FOODS

The County Council Weights and Measures Inspectors took samples of 100 varied articles of food in the Northwich Urban District during 1966, the following sample was not up to standard.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Milk	Contained mould and bacteria	Bottlers cautioned

In addition the Weights and Measures Department received four complaints from private purchasers :-

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|----|--|---------------------------|
| 1. | Piece of Hessian in Vanilla slice | - Confectioner cautioned |
| 2. | Piece of wrapping paper found in fish finger | - Manufacturers cautioned |
| 3. | Mould in a jar of baby food | - Sellers cautioned |
| 4. | Dirt in a bottle of milk | - Bottlers cautioned |

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March, 1967.

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March, 1967.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report for 1966.

The year has been one of progress on several fronts. Administratively a new look has been taken at many aspects of the office routine, and there has been a systematic review of the present circumstances of the many patients for whom there are files in existence. All this work, although time consuming, is resulting in a greater overall efficiency in the administration of the Divisional Health Services.

As a result of deliberate policy, increasing numbers of elderly persons are being referred to the Domestic Help Service as requiring assistance in running their homes. With the ever increasing number of elderly persons in the community, this service will have an increasingly important part to play in enabling elderly infirm persons to continue to live at home. A most important adjunct to this, is the provision of suitable housing for the elderly. The grouped flatlet unit built in Weaverham by the Northwich Rural District Council in co-operation with the County Welfare Department has proved to be very successful. It is pleasing to note, that similar units and further bungalow schemes are being planned in various other parts of the Division, and the importance of such schemes cannot be over emphasised. As will be seen from the appendix, there are numerous elderly persons clubs in the area. I hope that it will be possible this year that each club will be held at least once per week and that where they are not already in existence, Luncheon Clubs will be started to serve each area of the Division.

The Northwich branch of the Salvation Army is to be congratulated on starting a sheltered workshop for the elderly. It is anticipated that during the coming year arrangements will be made for younger Physically Handicapped persons to attend it on a different morning. This will, I hope, be the beginning of providing suitable work facilities for the severely Physically Handicapped in the Division.

With the blessing of the Geriatric Consultants and Local Medical Committee an "Elderly Persons Health Advisory Clinic" has been started. This could, if it is accepted and made use of by the elderly, make a most useful contribution to maintaining and improving the health and happiness of the elderly in the Division.

The Cervical Smear Clinic became well established during the year, but as can be seen from the text of this report, those women most at risk are amongst the poorest attenders. However, I hope that as the facilities increase for these tests, the Health Visitors and District Nurses will be able to persuade, by a personal approach, those who are somewhat loath to attend.

The County Council Scheme offering free Family Planning Advice through the Family Planning Association Clinics to women requiring it on medical grounds, came into operation towards the end of the year. The initial demand for this service has been very limited.

The immunisation scheme offering protection against Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and where appropriate Diphtheria to all school children in the Division, made fairly good progress. The latter can, however, be improved upon but extra clerical assistance will be required to complete this scheme in a reasonable time, and at the same time, maintain a high level of immunity amongst children entering school for the first time.

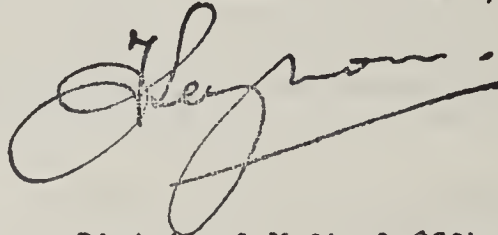
The services for the Physically Handicapped have progressed extremely well, there being ideal co-operation between the statutory and voluntary services. The Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped had a very successful year and is awaiting the delivery of a special vehicle with a hydraulic lift. This will be most useful in supplementing the present County Council and voluntary transport for the Highfield Club, and will, we hope, also be available for taking Physically Handicapped elderly persons to their local Old Peoples Clubs and also, to serve extensions of the activities of the Highfield Clubs activities.

Co-operation with other Health and Social workers has been on the whole very satisfactory. A most welcome development has been the organisation of luncheon discussion meetings at which senior members of voluntary and statutory bodies working in the Health and Social Work fields meet to discuss their work and the various problems which face society today.

I could not close this foreword without expressing my personal appreciation to two colleagues who left the area during the year, Mrs. Davenport Supervisor of the Junior Training Centre, and Miss Tweedle, Acting Area Welfare Officer, both of whom made particularly valuable contributions to the services contributing to the health of persons living in Mid-Cheshire.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to thank you for your interest and support during the year, and Mr. Durrad, Mr. Large and the members of the Divisional Staff for their co-operation and assistance.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. E. Durrad', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Divisional Medical Officer.

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N.S.P.C.C.					
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≠ Winsford,	Miss I.A. Bremner, 204 Ways Green, Winsford,	Winsford 2548
	Miss P.M. Jones, 8 Wellfield, Wharton Road, Winsford,	Winsford 2766
Witton,	*Mrs. P.E. Edwards, 11 Woodlands Road, Hartford,	Northwich 4588
Male Nurse	*Mr. W. Hudson, 20 Mere Road, Marston,	Comberbach 425

RELIEF NURSES

Barnton & Little Leigh,	*Mrs. M. Reece, 26 George Street, Barnton.	
Middlewich,	Mrs. V.M. Dutton, Walker's Green Farm, Sproston, Middlewich	Middlewich 2174
	Miss G.M. Magee, 62 Sutton Oaks, London Road, Holmes Chapel.	
Weaverham,	Mrs. D. Cooke, 2 Manor Grove, Hartford,	Northwich 5097
Witton,	*Mrs. G.A. Stanway, 23 Beswicks Road, Northwich,	Northwich 5049
Winsford,	*Mrs. S.M. Bowers, 29 Woodcott Avenue, Winsford.	
	*Mrs. K. Medley, 50 Middlewich Road, Northwich.	Northwich 3212

COUNTY MIDWIVES

Hartford & Castle	Mrs. R. Twiss, 64/66 Beach Road, Hartford,	Northwich 4010
Winnington & Northwich	Miss D.I. Price, 38 Water Street, Northwich,	Northwich 2314
Weaverham	Miss J. Wolahan, 49 Wallerscote Road, Weaverham,	Weaverham 2116

* Indicates District Nurse only

≠ Mrs. I.P. Lucas, 110 Nixon Drive, Winsford - Commenced duties 3rd. April, 1967.
Telephone No. Winsford 3693.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES AND CLINICS

Ministry and Proprietary Foods are sold at each of the Child Welfare Clinic Sessions listed below. In addition, Ministry Foods only are available at the following Centre at the times stated.

Divisional Medical Office - Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9.00 a.m. to noon.

BARNTON C.W.C., Brunner School, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Tel. Northwich 5639

Dentist - Miss P. Gass

Tel. Northwich 5527

Dental Clinic, Monday a.m. & p.m. Friday a.m. & p.m.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays p.m.

Eye Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) 2nd & 4th Wednesday a.m.

MIDDLEWICH C.W.C., 85, Wheelock Street, Middlewich.

Health Visitor - Miss M. Barlow.

Tel. Middlewich 2165

Dentist - Mr. K.V. Shute

Tel. Middlewich 2596

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m. & Wednesday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 2nd Thursday

Screening Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (Temporary)

Eye Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday & Friday a.m. & p.m. Wednesdays a.m. & p.m.

Midwives Clinic - Last Wednesday in the month,

NORTHWICH -

DARLAND HOUSE C.W.C., Winnington Hill, Northwich

Tel. Northwich 4643

Health Visitors - Mrs. E.E. Conlin and Mrs. M. Robertshaw.

Dentist - Mr. D.M. Dodd

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Friday p.m.

Paediatric Clinic - 4th Monday p.m.

Speech Therapy - Monday a.m. & p.m. Thursday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday a.m. & p.m.

Mother's Club - 3rd Tuesday evening.

Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

PARKFIELD C.W.C., Middlewich Road, Rudheath, Northwich. Tel. Northwich 2186

Health Visitors - Mrs. I. Harris and Mrs. A. Harrison.

Dentist - Mr. R.H. Hurst

Child Welfare Clinic - Thursday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd & 4th Wednesday a.m.

Midwives' Clinic (by arrangement) - Monday p.m.

Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Monday p.m.

Eye Clinics - 2nd & 3rd Thursday a.m. 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday a.m. & p.m.

E.N.T. Clinic - (by arrangement) 2nd Tuesday

Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) (by arrangement) - Thursday a.m.

Cervical Smear Clinics - Monday a.m. and Friday a.m.

WEAVERHAM C.W.C., Church Lane, Weaverham.

Tel. Weaverham 3177

Health Visitor - Mrs. B. Vintner

Dentist - Mr. G.H. Craine

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic 3rd Monday p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Friday p.m. 2nd. & 4th.

Midwives Clinic - Thursday p.m.

Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Thursday p.m.

Cerebral Palsy Clinic - Wednesday a.m. & p.m.

Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.

Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday to Friday.

WINSFORD -

WHARTON C.W.C., Crook Lane, Wharton, Winsford.

Tel. Winsford 3213

Health Visitors - Mrs. M. Brown and Miss M. Harris

Dentist - Mrs. S.E. Scanlan

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.

Midwives Clinic 1st & 3rd Wednesday p.m.

Eye Clinic - 2nd & 4th Thursday p.m. 3rd Friday p.m. 1st & 3rd Thursday a.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m.

Screening Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.

Relaxation Clinic - Each Wednesday a.m.

Cervical Smear Clinic - Tuesday a.m.

Dental Clinic - Tuesday a.m. & p.m.

Immunisation & Vaccination Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9.15a.m. - 11.30a.m.

WEAVER STREET C.W.C., Winsford.

Tel. Winsford 2387

Health Visitor - Miss J.M. Gassick

Dentist - Mr. G.H. Craine and Mr. F.R. Morrey

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.

E.N.T. Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.

Mother & Baby Club (W.V.S.) - 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.

Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) - Tuesday a.m.

COMBERBACH CLINIC, Parish Hall, Comberbach.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney.

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) 3rd Wednesday a.m.

DAVENHAM CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Brown (Relief)

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Thursday p.m.

HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beech Road, Hartford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Robertshaw.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.

LEFTWICH CLINIC, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich.

Health Visitor - Miss J.M. Gassick (Relief)

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.

LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Social Club, Lostock.

Health Visitor - Mrs. I. Harris

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Wednesday p.m.

MOULTON CLINIC, Methodist Chapel Hall, Moulton.

Health Visitor - Miss M. Harris

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) 1st Wednesday p.m.

Immunisation Session - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

OVER CLINIC, St. John's Vicarage, Delamere Street, Winsford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.

Immunisation Sessions - 2nd & 4th Wednesday p.m.

Midwives Clinic - 2nd & 4th Wednesday

SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Robertshaw

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Tuesday p.m.

Occasional Toddlers Clinic

TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourlay

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Thursdays p.m.

Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m. (odd months)

Eye Clinic - 1st Tuesday a.m. (1.4.67)

Young Children's Clinic - 4th Thursday a.m.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES

The table below gives the attendances at the various Child Welfare Clinics held in the Division.

I hope that with the new policy of arranging occasional toddlers clinics in the more rural areas there will be an increase in the numbers in this age group who are seen by the assistant County Medical Officers.

	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES</u>			
	<u>0 - 1 Year</u>		<u>0 - 1 Year</u>		<u>1 - 2 Years</u>		<u>2 - 5 Years</u>	
	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Barnton	65	92	845	962	196	195	73	20
Comberbach	27	24	358	291	91	36	160	57
Davenham	34	30	373	342	152	96	191	67
Hartford	42	22	376	254	130	111	49	43
Leftwich	61	49	633	479	93	114	70	43
Lostock	53	56	342	439	83	101	56	48
Middlewich	165	155	1,622	1,881	189	303	177	181
Moulton	29	31	318	336	125	95	164	107
Darland House	129	98	1,686	1,479	363	336	148	134
Parkfield	189	181	2,413	2,031	422	277	136	106
Sandiway	91	96	564	645	148	142	62	93
Tarporley	45	41	434	451	124	193	161	213
Weaverham	130	125	1,959	2,107	380	383	257	301
Winsford, Weaver St.	170	134	1,312	1,336	176	147	119	119
Winsford, Over	135	157	1,018	1,739	165	406	123	150
Winsford, Wharton	-	88	-	1,045	-	161	-	44
	1,365	1,379	14,253	15,817	2,837	3,096	1,946	1,726

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Distribution has continued satisfactorily throughout the year, the table below gives details of the items distributed. The sales of National Dried Milk and Cod Liver Oil have again dropped but there has been an increase in the sale of Proprietary Foods.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value of Sales</u> <u>Proprietary Foods</u> <u>Sold only at Clinics</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Dried Milk</u> <u>(tins)</u>	<u>Orange</u> <u>Juice</u> <u>(bottles)</u>	<u>Cod</u> <u>Liver Oil</u> <u>(bottles)</u>	<u>A & D</u> <u>Tablets</u> <u>(packets)</u>
1966	£6,251	17,207	15,296	855	1,490
1965	£5,395	20,910	13,991	1,022	1,744
1964	£5,007	20,969	12,733	1,016	1,712
1954	£2,140	30,563	24,158	5,672	1,404

HEALTH EDUCATION

During Mental Health Week two public meetings were organised by the Area Mental Welfare Officer, the subject discussed being 'Community Care', The Meeting at Northwich was particularly successful and one looks forward to further expansion of this aspect of Health Education.

No other major projects were organised but, of course, a great deal of "Health Education", at its most effective level is carried out during the day to day work of the Health Visitors and nursing staff.

There is, however, a need to expand our work in this most important preventive work, and I hope, that some time in the future, it will be possible to appoint a Health Education Officer to undertake it.

OLD PEOPLES HEALTH ADVISORY CLINICS

The first of the above clinics was held towards the end of the year. At the request of the County Welfare Officer, the initial sessions were held at Weaver Hall. This provided a most useful opportunity to review the health of the residents and it is pleasing to report that apart from the degenerative conditions one must expect in the very elderly, the health of the residents was remarkably good.

In 1967 it is intended to make this service available to all persons over the age of sixty-five. The clinics are essentially based on the fact that has been demonstrated by several surveys i.e., that a substantial percentage of elderly persons suffer from defects which are unknown to their family doctors. If treatment or advice can be given at an early stage, a return to normal health or at least prevention of further deterioration is often possible. It must be emphasised that this is a service to supplement the family doctor, no treatment will be given and full information will be forwarded to the patients own doctor.

CERVICAL SMEAR CLINICS

These clinics became well established during the year, the demand for appointments exceeding the facilities available. It has, in fact, been necessary to limit the publicity given to this service as the resulting demand would have proved an embarrassment. Even so, the average waiting period for an appointment has been four to six weeks.

The response up to now has been from younger married women in the middle and upper social groups. This, whilst not unexpected, is disappointing, as it is those groups who are most reluctant to attend who suffer the highest incidence of cancer of the cervix.

However, now that the initial public demand has been satisfied, I hope that a personal approach from Health Visitors and District Nurses will result in the more reluctant being persuaded to attend either the clinic or their own doctor for this very simple test.

The table below gives further details:-

	<u>Parkfield Clinic</u> <u>Northwich</u>		<u>Wharton C.W.C.</u> <u>Winsford</u>		<u>Weaverham</u> <u>C.W.C.</u>	
	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
No. of Sessions held	2	56	2	30	-	1
No. of new patients who attended	20	586	16	265	-	9
Result of examination:-						
(a) Nothing abnormal	19	583	16	264	-	-
(b) For further investigation	1	3	-	1	-	-
(c) No. in (b) found positive	1	2	-	1	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The tables below give details of the various infectious diseases notified in each council area within the division during 1965 and 1966.

	1965					1966				
	NRD	WUD	MUD	NUD	DIV	NRD	WUD	MUD	NUD	DIV
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	1	3	20	-	-	23
Measles	476	59	4	330	869	477	126	105	116	824
Pneumonia, Influenzal	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	28	1	-	6	35	25	4	-	16	45
Respiratory Tuberculosis	2	-	-	-	2	3	3	1	5	12
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	3
Whooping Cough	5	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	1	1
Food Poisoning	-	6	-	1	7	1	-	-	-	1
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3
Pneumonia, Influenzal & acute Lobar	3	4	1	-	8	1	-	1	-	2

Dysentery (Winsford)

In July information was received that there had been cases of diarrhoea and vomiting at a primary school in Winsford. Preliminary investigations showed that fourteen children and a member of the canteen staff were affected. Immediate precautions relating to personal hygiene were instituted and the General Practitioners informed of the drug sensitivity of the organism.

As result of the action taken there was only a limited spread of the infection, in all 17 children and 4 adults, and a total of 13 families being affected.

The initial cases were confined to one class and investigations showed that the probable source of infection was one of the children in this class who had been ill one week before the outbreak. The canteen assistant was infected at the same time as the initial wave of cases, and was connected with this class in that she served their dinners and must have been infected by the original case.

This small outbreak emphasises the constant need to maintain the highest standards of personal hygiene to prevent the spread of these highly infectious diseases.

Dysentery (Northwich Rural District)

The three cases notified were isolated incidents and were not confirmed bacteriologically.

Paratyphoid B

A child living in Weaverham was notified as suffering from p-Typhoid B Fever. This was at the time strongly suspected because of the results of blood tests, but subsequent tests made the initial diagnosis doubtful. Extensive investigations were made but no other cases or possible source of infection were found.

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis

It is unusual these days to have three notifications of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis during the course of one year and I append below details of the cases.

Northwich Rural District - a child found to be suffering from infected glands of the neck. Investigations showed that the family were in the habit of buying occasional cartons of unpasteurised milk.

With the co-operation of Veterinary Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, it was found that three of the cows in the herd from which the milk supply was obtained, reacted to the tuberculin test. These cows were slaughtered but no evidence of clinical tuberculosis found. Arrangements were made for the farm-workers to have Chest X-Rays in case one of them had introduced the infection into the herd. Their X-Rays were, however, satisfactory.

Winsford Urban District - a young woman found to have a tuberculous infection of the lining of the womb.

Middlewich Urban District - a woman found to be suffering from a re-activation of infection in a cervical lymph gland, this having been quiescent for many years.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

The increase in the number of notifications is a result of the clinical follow up of cases discovered during the Mass Miniature Radiography Survey which took place in the latter half of 1965. It is sobering to think of the number of persons at present fit and well, who will be infected by those unknown cases of tuberculosis who, for one reason or another, made no effort to attend the units when they visited the area.

	Northwich U.D.		Winsford U.D.		Middlewich U.D.		Northwich R.D.	
	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.
New Cases notified (including Transfers)	7	-	5	1	1	1	5	1
Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recovered	1	-	1	-	1	2	-	-
Other Removals from Register (Left District etc.)	2	2	-	-	4	3	1	-
No. on Register at the end of 1965	22	7	33	10	14	6	68	27
No. on Register at the end of 1966	26	5	37	10	10	2	72	28

R. - Respiratory.

N.R. - Non - Respiratory.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

The form of the statistical tables has been slightly altered this year to show the increase in the work carried out at clinics and schools. In addition to the numbers quoted 1507 children were in the course of having immunisation procedures completed at school at the year end. The figures for poliomyelitis vaccination are separated from the main table as there was a "Polio" scare in 1965 which stimulated a strong public demand for polio vaccination. In view of this, it is pleasing to note that almost the same number of children were protected against Poliomyelitis in the year under review as in 1965.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Smallpox Vaccination

	PRIMARY		BOOSTER	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
Diphtheria	-	9	59	236
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough & Tetanus	1021	1133	208	179
Diphtheria/Tetanus	152	303	255	426
Tetanus	225	1044	51	66
Smallpox				
Under 1 year	38	89	-	-
1 - 5 years	303	375	6	22
School Children	40	103	71	65
	1779	3056	650	994

Total No. of Protective Procedures carried out for Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Smallpox

	Total by G.P's	Total by Local Health Authority
1965	1944	485
1966	2005	2045

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

	PRIMARY		BOOSTER	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
POLIO:				
Sabin Vaccine	1575	1546	1393	1321
Salk Vaccine	51	13	31	10

Total No. of Protective Procedures carried out for Poliomyelitis

	Total by G.P's	Total by Local Health Authority
1965	2175	875
1966	1322	1568

<u>1966</u>	2286	Children received primary or booster against Diphtheria.				
<u>1965</u>	1695	"	"	"	"	"
<u>1964</u>	1436	"	"	"	"	"
<u>1966</u>	3151	Children received primary or booster against Tetanus.				
<u>1965</u>	1912	"	"	"	"	"
<u>1964</u>	1625	"	"	"	"	"
<u>1966</u>	2890	Children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis.				
<u>1965</u>	3050	"	"	"	"	"
<u>1964</u>	1579	"	"	"	"	"

In that they show an increasing number of children protected the above figures are satisfactory, but they can and should be improved upon.

The three most important points to be considered are:-

1. That by the end of 1966 only 68% of the children born in 1964 had been protected against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis - only 67% of the children born in 1965 had been protected against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis - only 25% of the children born in 1966 had been protected against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis.

It is hoped that the birth and immunisation records for children born in 1967 will be transferred to the County computer. It will then be possible for a very comprehensive administrative cover to be given to those children whose parents have indicated that they wish then to be immunised. Appointments and re-appointments for immunisation will automatically be sent out. It has been found in other areas that this administrative cover results in a substantial increase in the number of children immunised and vaccinated.

2. As members will remember, approval was given in 1965 for the employment of a temporary clerk for 18 hours per week to organise the school immunisation programme. Experience has shown that due to the administrative complexity of organising this scheme it will not be possible to complete our programme in a reasonable time without additional clerical time.

3. To maintain the improving immunisation state in our schools, we should now be turning our attention to ensuring that all school entrants are fully protected during their first year at school. Until additional clerical help is available it is not possible to do this, in addition to pursuing our major programme.

B.C.G. VACCINATION

For the first year since 1961 there was a drop in the percentage of parents consenting. However, a study of the numbers counted as refusals has shown that a higher percentage of consent forms than usual, have not been returned by parents. This is a feature which will be investigated further in 1967.

The drop in the number of Tuberculin positive children reflects the increasing numbers of children who have not been infected with tuberculosis during childhood. This in turn stresses the need for these children to be protected against this disease in order that their resistance is high when they leave the sheltered environment of their school.

Year	Children Eligible	Percentage of Parents consenting	Percentage Abs. for Tests	Percentage Tuberculin Positive	Percentage Tuberculin Neg. & Vacc.
1961	806	70	13	30	70
1962	1,326	76	11	28	72
1963	1,453	83	14	21	79
1964	1,031	85	15	19	81
1965	1,518	87	12	19	81
1966	1,626	84	10	16	84

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The services for the physically handicapped are based on a combination of the efforts of part-time Occupational Therapists (a total of six sessions per week) and members of the Voluntary Services in the Division. The latter play a particularly important part in the running of this particular service and it gives me great pleasure to record the close harmony which exists between the statutory and voluntary workers and to express my appreciation for the unstinting help which is given. In this connection the members of the W.R.V.S., Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped, British Red Cross Society and Rotary Club have been particularly helpful, but of course, there have been other organisations and many individuals who have helped.

When information is received that a person may benefit from any of the services for the physically handicapped, arrangements are made for an Occupational Therapist to visit. She goes essentially as a Social Worker with a specialised knowledge of aids and adaptations and initially makes a full assessment of the social background of the patient in addition to the need for aids, adaptations and the other services by which the physically handicapped can be assisted.

This initial assessment forms the backbone of our services and it is from this point that the arrangements are made for aids, adaptations, home help, chiropody, attendance at social, handicraft or music club sessions, etc. It has been the policy of the Divisional Health Committee that persons over the age of 60 do not join the Highfield Club for the Physically Handicapped and I am sure that this has contributed to the success of that club. Every effort is made, however, to ensure that elderly handicapped persons are able to attend their local Old People's Club, of which there are a large number in the Mid-Cheshire Division.

As the County Council services have become better known and more and more people have benefited from them, so the numbers requesting help have increased. In addition where Doctors' notes supporting housing applications are sent to the Medical Officer of Health for assessment, all cases which appear to have some physical handicap are referred to the Occupational Therapist for further investigation.

Social Provisions - Highfield Club for the Physically Handicapped

The social provisions for the physically handicapped are all arranged as extensions of the Highfield Club. The constitution of the Club lays down that in addition to representatives of the Voluntary Services and Divisional Health Committee the Club members are represented and it is pleasing to note the increasingly important part that the Club representatives are playing on the Committee and in the running of the Club's numerous activities.

a. Social Club

The Social Club continues to meet on alternate weeks and the Club Committee have bought from their own funds, equipment for various types of games. The members of the W.R.V.S. continue to give a very considerable amount of help in the running of this Club, and I would particularly like to express my appreciation to Mrs. Litler and Mrs. Stott for their help. In addition to the usual meetings, a day trip to Blackpool, visits to the "Sound of Music" (Manchester), "Desert Song" (Knutsford), "Oklahoma" (Northwich) and "Old People's Frolics" (Northwich), were arranged, together with a Christmas Party and the traditional Christmas dinner at the Adult Training Centre, Northwich. The finals of the W.R.V.S. County Bulb Competition were held at a Club meeting and at Christmas, with the co-operation of the Rotary Club of Northwich, and management and staff of Woolworths, Northwich, an evening's Christmas shopping was arranged for Club members.

b. Handicraft Group

As will be seen from the table of Club attendances there was a further increase in the membership of this group. Fortunately, with the co-operation of the Education Department, it has been possible to obtain the assistance of a second Handicraft Teacher. Due to the enthusiastic co-operation of relatives and friends there has not been any difficulty during the year of disposing of nearly all the handicrafts produced by the group.

c. Cultural Evening Group

This Group organised in co-operation with the Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped has proved to be most successful. I think it would be fair comment to say that it has made an important contribution to widening the horizons of many of the members who attend. The Group is in two parts, a "music" section where singing and the use of percussion instruments is pursued and an "art" section where, with the assistance of Mr. George Rowly, a voluntary member of the Association, an amazingly high standard of competence is being achieved. We were particularly honoured in that one of the members of this group had a charcoal sketch published in the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

CLUB ATTENDANCES

	No. of members		No. of Sessions		No. of Atten.	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
Social	52	57	23	24	674	877
Handicraft	30	39	24	26	452	590
Evening	-	23	-	19	-	357

d. Holiday

A new venture in 1966 was the organisation of a week's holiday at Pontins, St. Annes, by the Mid-Cheshire Association, the Divisional Health Committee contributing £5. 0. Od. towards the costs of each member attending.

e. Plans for the future.

At the time of writing talks are taking place with

1. The Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped with regard to the organisation of a swimming club for the physically handicapped.
2. The Northwich Branch of the Salvation Army to see if it is possible for members of the Highfield Club to attend a sheltered workshop organised by the Salvation Army on one or two mornings per week, in the initial stages.

CAR BADGES FOR THE DISABLED DRIVERS

Persons who are seriously handicapped and can only walk a very limited distance are eligible to receive on application, two stick-on car badges identifying them as physically handicapped. This scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Health in an effort to assist such drivers to receive extra consideration when parking, but it must be remembered that possession of the badges does not confirm any legal rights whatsoever.

Rather surprisingly no applications were received during the year and the co-operation of the press will, therefore, be enlisted in 1967 to make the details of this scheme more widely known.

SPECIAL HOUSING

Three of the District Councils are planning to build special bungalows for the disabled and Northwich Urban District Council completed such a bungalow during the year.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY

The undermentioned adaptations to property have been carried out during 1966 and I would like here to express my appreciation to the Surveyors of the four District Councils in the Division who have always given enthusiastic advice and assistance in the design and execution of these alterations.

The policy of the Divisional Health Committee on these alterations has been that where the alteration is to a Council House, the Divisional Health Committee bear the full cost, but where the alteration is to a privately owned property, the income of the household together with the expected increase in value of the house are taken into consideration in fixing any contribution or loan which may be made towards the cost of the alterations.

<u>Adaptations etc.,</u>	<u>Approx. cost.</u>		
Fit lower/shallower bath	£31.	9.	5d.
Provide and Fix three flags to form two steps at front door. Wooden handrail along front path	£5.	8.	1d.
Provide and Fix three short handrails on brackets to stairs.	£2.	16.	9d.
Provision of two hinged bath seats.	£11.	0.	0d.
Remove flat step and form into two. Provide and fix short handrail in front porch, also, handrail on posts to rear steps at side of outbuilding.	£10.	8d.	1d.
Grant towards provision of a drive.	£20.	0.	0d.
Provide and fix wooden handrail on posts from back door to garage.	£4.	9.	6d.
Fit short length handrail at bedroom entrance.	£1.	4.	10d.
Wooden ramp at front door-step, alter flags.			
Lower height of sink. Alter electric cooker panel			
Widen Kitchen and bathroom doors, provide and fix working top sink to cupboard.	£73.	15.	9d.
Remove bin shelter wall and replace by wooden gate. Preparaed site and lay brick base to shed.			
Provide overhead wiring and socket.	£29.	5.	4d.
Denolish part of screen wall, remove wedge and provide fencing to new boundary. Alter existing access and lay concrete base for garage.	£46.	13.	0d.
Handrail and bath seat.	£15.	15.	0d.
Widen living room door and fix new door.	£18.	11.	0d.
Alterations to outhouse to make into a garage and flag run in.	£66.	18.	3d.

CARE AND AFTER CARE

Nursing equipment and aids for the sick and handicapped are available on loan, free of charge, from the Divisional Medical Office providing a Doctor or some other suitably qualified person states that the items are required.

Unfortunately, it has been found that quite a high percentage of patients do not return the equipment once their need has ceased to exist and to overcome this, patients having equipment are circularised periodically to ensure that it is still being used.

The following table lists items issued in 1965 and 1966.

EQUIPMENT ISSUED

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>		<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Air Rings	27	25	Fireguards	2	3
Baby Bouncer	1	-	Forks	5	2
Back Rests	34	29	Headrest	1	1
Bath Aids	11	24	Helping Hands	-	4
Bath Mats	1	-	Hoists	5	5
Bath Seats	3	1	Knives	-	3
Bed Cages	11	17	Protective Pants	9	20
Bed Pans	32	40	& Interliners	224	2088
Bed Poles	5	5	Rollators	1	1
Bed Tables	-	1	Shoe Horns	1	-
Bottles	19	20	Spoons	5	3
Commodes	23	26	Spring Poles	1	1
Crutches	29	22	Stocking Puller-on	1	4
Ejector Seats	1	1	Toilet Seat Aids	5	11
Electric Shaver	1	-	Underpads	8390	12,436
Enuresis Outfits	31	25	Walking Aids	23	40
Exercycle	1	-	Walking Sticks	6	1
Feeding Cups	1	1	Wheelchairs	29	44

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT

Three patients were sent for convalescent treatment during 1966.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

Compared with some other Divisions in the County the number of cases helped per thousand population has always been relatively small in Mid-Cheshire. Efforts, therefore, have been made throughout the year to bring to the attention of Doctors, Nurses, Health Visitors, etc., the very valuable help which the Home Help Service can give to the elderly. Many elderly and infirm people, can, with this help, continue to live in their own homes, a fact which gives them added happiness and saves the community the considerable costs of providing the residential accommodation they would otherwise require.

As will be seen from the following table, this policy has resulted in a 38% increase in the number of elderly persons helped during the year, and associated with this, a 36% increase in the number of hours worked for the aged and infirm.

This, of course, resulted in a very considerable increase in the workload of the Domestic Help Supervisor and to assist with this, the County Health Committee authorised the appointment of an additional half-time Supervisor.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

1. Number of Domestic Helps employed at end of year:-

(a) Whole-time - Nil

(b) Part-time - 85

(c) Equivalent whole-time of (b) - 26

Classification of cases and hours worked:-

	<u>1965</u>		<u>1966</u>	
	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Hours Worked</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Hours worked</u>
Aged & Infirm	213	33,811	294	45,887
Others	21	729	14	1,163
Confinements	14	701	5	98

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Future Recovery Cases registered with County Treasurer	39	44
Contributions from cases	£1,708	£2,112

CHIROPODY SERVICE

There was little significant change in the demand for this service. Although the number of patients certified by their Doctor or District Nurse as requiring "home treatment" increased the number of such treatments only increased slightly.

	<u>OVER 65</u>				<u>PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED</u>			
	<u>No. of Patients</u>		<u>No. of Treatments</u>		<u>No. of Patients</u>		<u>No. of Treatments</u>	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
Chiropidist's Surgery	440	364	2078	1853	14	15	62	75
Home of Patient	289	320	1341	1399	23	35	62	187

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
No. of Cases in which County Council paid full fees	665	638
No. of Cases in which County Council paid half fees	101	96

TRAINING CENTRES, NORTHWICH

In spite of several changes of staff the progress of children and adults attending the Centres has been maintained satisfactorily during the year.

Great disappointment was felt by all those who are associated with the Junior Training Centre when Mrs. Davenport, the Supervisor, transferred to Altrincham for personal reasons. One cannot speak too highly of her ability and I feel that the high esteem in which the Junior Training Centre is held is largely due to her skilled and devoted work.

Junior Training Centre.	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Infants	8	4
Junior	11	6
Senior	7	10
Special Care Unit	6	4
	<u>32</u>	<u>24</u>
Adult Training Centre	37	24

JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE - I am indebted to Mrs. Dolan, Supervisor for the following report:

The children in the Centre have continued to make steady progress throughout the year. In addition to the usual educational and social activities of the Centre, an interesting feature has been the attendance of senior girls of the Hartford Secondary School, a development which has been of considerable benefit to both groups of children. It is hoped that in 1967 pupils from the Centre will attend the Hartford Secondary Schools to join in P.E. and handicraft classes.

A Carol Service was held at the Centre on December 14th. when approximately one hundred and twenty people attended. The children had their party on December 19th. when the girls from the fourth form of Hartford Secondary Modern came along and joined in.

We have had numerous visitors at the Centre during the year. Quite a few of these have been young girls who are leaving school and are interested in working with children. This is very heartening, as there is a shortage of trained people in this field of work.

ADULT TRAINING CENTRE - I am indebted to Miss Davenport, Deputy Superintendent for the following report.

Throughout the year, there has been continued improvement in work output and social behaviour.

The boys receive instruction in the use of a wide variety of woodworking, tools and machinery, and by the use of jigs and special tools have produced many saleable goods, e.g., childrens chairs, upholstered in mocquette and vyanide, collapsible cloths maidens, occasional tables, plant stands, deck chairs, fishing stools, upholstered stools.

A large quantity of vegetables have been produced as a result of the trainees work in the kitchen garden. The trainees also contribute to industry by means of contract work, including the making of simple wire loops for use in plastic dipping, the assembly and sorting of various small components required in the electrical industry, and folding leaflets for a Mail Order firm.

The girls receive instruction in Domestic Science, including Cookery and Laundry, Personal Hygiene including hairdressing, makeup and manicure. In addition, embroidery, machine sewing, soft toy making and knitting have been undertaken with great success. A new idea has been the making of baby's matching coats, bonnets and pram sets.

Recreation consists of P.T., football, cricket, music and dancing, and indoor games for the boys, and music and movement to Eileen Fowler records, rounders, netball, dancing for the girls. Some of the girls have joined the boys for their weekly visits to the swimming baths during the summer.

On the 16th. April, 1966 the trainees accompanied by members of staff went on a weeks holiday to St. Annes organised by the Parents Association. This was a tremendous success and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

In June, the Junior Centre had a Sports Day. During this, the girls gave a display of Music and Movement, and the boys had a Tug of War.

In July, the Centre went on a day trip to Southport, this too was very much enjoyed.

In September Mr. Boocock, Superintendent temporarily left the Training Centre to embark on a years training course at Birmingham, arrangements being made for Mr. Farrington, Superintendent Altrincham A.T.C., to visit the Centre during Mr. Boocock's absence.

A bonfire and fireworks display was held on November 4th.

During the week before Christmas the Centre had Christmas dinner, a Christmas Party and a full length Walt Disney film. The Centre closed on Friday 23rd. December, 1966.

A P P E N D I X

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

Family Planning Association Clinics are held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at the Victoria Infirmary, Northwich.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Luncheon Clubs are held at Northwich, Barnton, Comberbach, Cuddington and Hartford, applications to The Secretary, Northwich Council of Social Service, The Salt Museum, Northwich (Tel. No. Northwich 2393).

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE - Information regarding this service should be requested from:-

- Northwich Urban District - The Centre Organiser, (Mrs. Rolfe)
W.R.V.S. Office, 51 Witton Street, Northwich.
Tel. No. 2593
- Northwich Rural District - The Centre Organiser, (Mrs. Crill)
Home Address - Box Hedge, Acton Bridge, Weaverham.
Tel. No. 85. 3147
- Winsford Urban District - The Centre Organiser, (Mrs. Heaton)
W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. 81. 2427
- Middlewich Urban District - Mrs. R.A. Neill, (Meals-on-Wheels Officer)
Kennet Bush, Middlewich.
Tel. No. 86. 2337

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS

Secretary

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| Barnton Old Friends' Club,
Lydyett Lane, Barnton. | Mrs. Seabury,
16, Broadway, Barnton. |
| Castle & Winnington Old Friends' Club
Barbers Lane, Queensgate, Northwich. | Mrs. Shaw,
7, Darwin Street, Castle. |
| Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's Club,
Memorial Hall, Comberbach, Northwich. | Mrs. Redfern,
Collinstone, Senna Lane, Comberbach. |
| Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends' Club
Church Hall, Sandiway, Northwich. | Mrs. Tomkinson,
"Kedah", Chester Road, Sandiway. |
| Darby & Joan Club, W.V.S. Civil Defence
Centre, Hayhurst Street, Northwich. | Mrs. M. Gilbert,
"Glaysun", Lime Avenue, Leftwich. |
| Davenham Old Friends' Club,
Davenham Social Club, Firths Fields. | Mrs. Rowe,
29, Firths Fields, Davenham. |
| Hartford Over 60's Club,
Hartford Church Hall. | Mrs. Griffiths,
Oakfield, Chester Road, Northwich. |
| Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club,
Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich. | Miss Green,
13, Sandfield Lane, Hartford. |
| Lostock Gralam Monday Club,
Lostock Social Club. | Mrs. Morris,
3, Prospect Drive, Davenham. |
| Moulton Old Friends' Club,
Moulton Church Hall. | Mrs. Allman,
"Clovelly", Niddries Lane, Moulton. |
| Northwich Pensioners' Association,
Gladstone Club, Northwich. | Mr. Hornbuckle,
3, St. John's Close, Rudheath. |
| Rudheath Old Friends' Club,
Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich. | Mrs. Stubbs
"Inglewood", King Street, Rudheath. |
| Tarporley Autumn Club,
Community Centre, Tarporley. | Mrs. Wilkinson, Clifton House,
High Street, Tarporley, Cheshire. |

Weaverham Old Friends' Club,
Weaverham Church Hall.

Whitegate Old Friends' Club,
Whitegate Recreation Club.

Wincham Old Friends' Club,
Wincham Church School.

Witton - Darby & Joan Club,
Bourne Methodist School Room,
Witton Street, Northwich.

Winnington House Veterans' Club
Castle Park Dairies, Castle, Northwich

Mrs. Winterbottom,
39, Owley Wood Road, Weaverham.

Mrs. Leadbeater,
"Wood End Cottage", Whitegate.

Mr. Smith,
106 Pickmere Lane, Wincham.

Mrs. Skellon,
46, Victoria Road, Northwich.

Mr. Rogerson,
366, London Road, Northwich.

Over 60's Club, The Institute,
Queen Street, Middlewich.

Mrs. M. Hall,
75, Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

Darby & Joan Club
Methodist Sunday School Rooms,
(Wharton Road), Winsford.

Evergreen Club
The Community Centre,
Grange Estate, Winsford.

Over 60's Club,
Grange Estate, Winsford.

Applications for membership to:-
The Secretary, Winsford Ladies Cttee.,
c/o Over Hall, Winsford.

Club Rooms open daily in Middlewich -

Fountain Field Sports Ground, building adjacent to the Bowling and Putting
Greens.

Room adjacent to the Chadwick Fields Home, newspapers and periodicals available,
also the use of a small billiard table and other games.

Area Welfare Officer.

Miss J. Scott,
Weaver Hall London Road, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 3951.

Welfare Homes

Accommodation

New Weaver Hall
Old Weaver Hall

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
15	45
26	70

"Gleavewood",
Farm Road, Weaverham.

11 bedder for men and
women.

Area Children's Officer,
Children's Department.

Miss M.D. Pierce, Winnington Hill,
Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 5243

Area Mental Welfare Officer.

Mr. G.H. Howard, Brunner Guildhall,
High Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 3346

Chief Public Health Inspectors:-

Mr. J.S. Carrie, Northwich Rural District Council, Council Offices, Whitehall, Hartford, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 4274.

Mr. T.H. Rogerson, Winsford Urban District Council, Over Hall, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2021.

Mr. T. Baines, Northwich Urban District Council, The Council House, Church Road, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2334.

Mr. F.C. Costello, Middlewich Urban District Council, Lewin Street, Middlewich.
Tel. No. Middlewich 2571.

Council of Social Service and Citizens Advice Bureau, Northwich.

Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2393

Citizens Advice Bureau, Winsford.

Mrs. Gott, The Rates Office, Town Bridge, High Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2551.

Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped.

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S.M. Rogerson, Little Moss, Cinder Hill, Whitegate.
Tel. No. Sandiway 2215.

Northwich Branch, Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

Hon. Sec. Mrs. Laycock, 433, Chester Road, Hartford, Northwich.
Tel. No. Sandiway 3048.

N.S.P.C.C.

Inspector A.R. Moores, 12, Moss Road, Winnington.
Tel. No. Northwich 4134

Moral Welfare

Miss E.M. Mann, 98, St. Georges Road, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2684
Darland House, Winnington Hill, Northwich.
Monday a.m. and Thursday a.m.
Tel. No. Northwich. 4643.

